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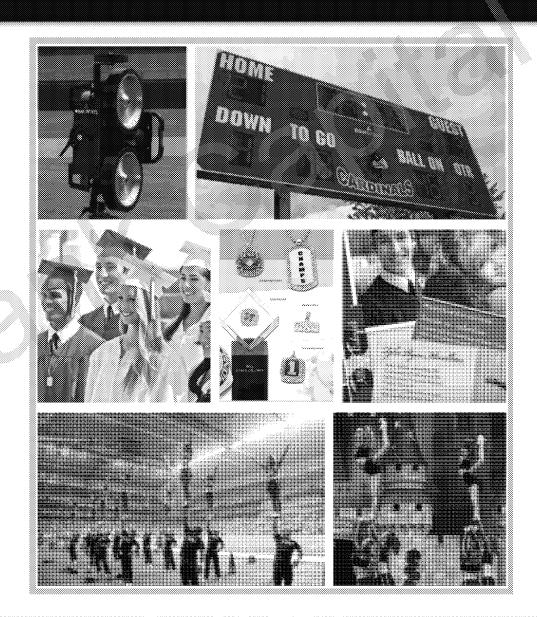
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### **III. Integration & Growth Opportunities**

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## **Today's Presenters**

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## Varsity Brands: Three Industry Leading Businesses



- Founded in 1972
- Expanded through acquisitions of leading team dealers
- Offers game-changing solutions through:
  - Local partnerships with 430+ highly experienced Sales Pros
  - Broad selection of leading brands and proprietary products
  - One-stop-shop for equipment and uniforms with high levels of customer service





- Founded in 1920
- Broad assortment of educational achievement products:
  - Tenured relationships with thousands of colleges, schools, churches, commercial enterprises, sports teams and courtrooms
  - Quality products across cap & gown, fine paper, jewelry and yearbooks
  - Recognized and respected brand providing some of the nation's most prestigious recognition products





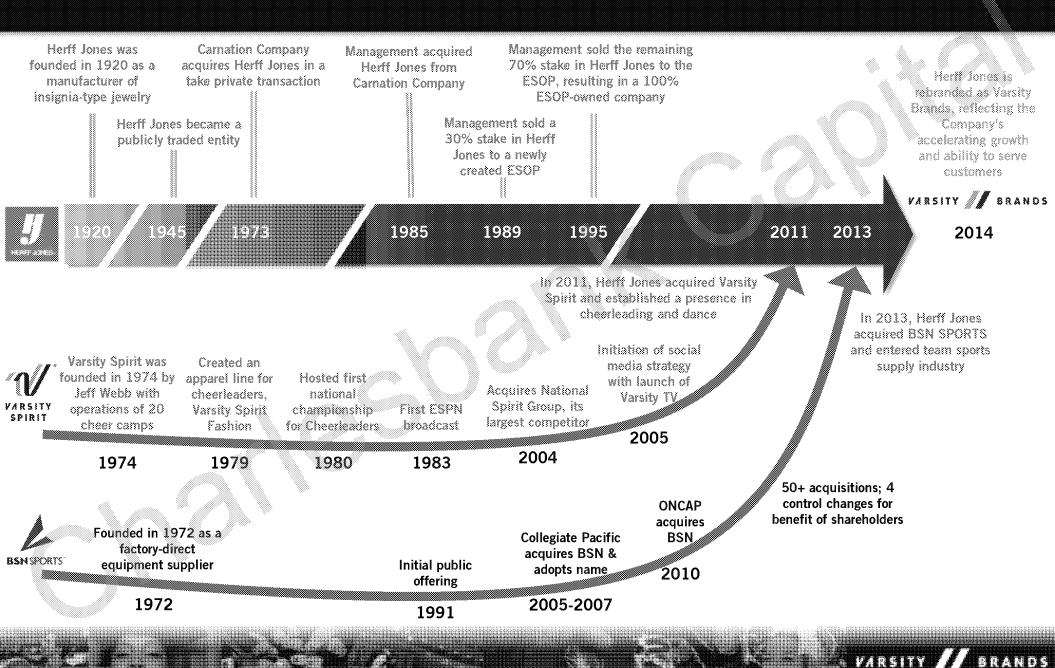
- Founded in 1974 by Jeff Webb
- Added athletics & entertainment to cheer
- Offers year-round cheerleading "lifestyle":
  - Nationwide camps and clinics in a variety of settings for all ages and skills
  - Renowned competitions for global cheer and dance associations
  - Innovative apparel for game day, competition, practice and team spirit wear (branded and proprietary)
  - Dynamic sales, marketing and media platform



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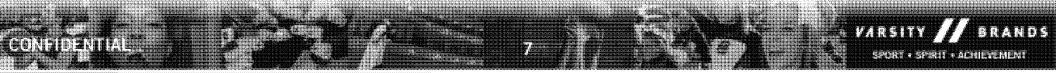
## **Company History**



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Varsity Brands Introduction Video



## The Varsity Brands of Tomorrow







# VARSITY BRANDS

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- Formed by the unification of three complementary businesses which share a common customer, today's youth
- Rebranded in June 2014 to reflect accelerated growth, enhanced collaboration and to best communicate the Company's mission
  - Unique business model with more customer touchpoints than any competitor
  - Benefits from deep, longstanding relationships with key decision makers
- Integrated platform leveraging relationships and knowledge to offer a one-stop branding solution
- The single source for every customer's SPORT, SPIRIT and ACHIEVEMENT needs
- Unique, powerful and expandable partnership with America's schools

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## **Tremendous Integration Opportunity**

### Integration Results in Significant Growth and Cost Savings Opportunities

#### **Integration Initiatives**

- Customer database optimization
- Sales force coordination (Varsity Brands synergy team)
- Sharing of technology best practices
- Customer account incentives and loyalty programs for volume and cross-brand purchases
- Improved training to drive cross-selling
- Consolidation of corporate services
- Implementation of best practices across the platform

#### **Cost Rationalization**

- Herff Jones ring manufacturing outsourcing
- Herff Jones yearbook, diploma and frame manufacturing consolidation
- HR, IT, finance and benefits
- 401(k) matching
- Headcount reductions and management centralization
- ▼ Vendor savings through leveraging economies of scale
- Independent IT savings
- Graphic art outsourcing
- ESOP termination







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### **Leading Brands with Prominent Market Positions**

#### **BSN SPORTS**

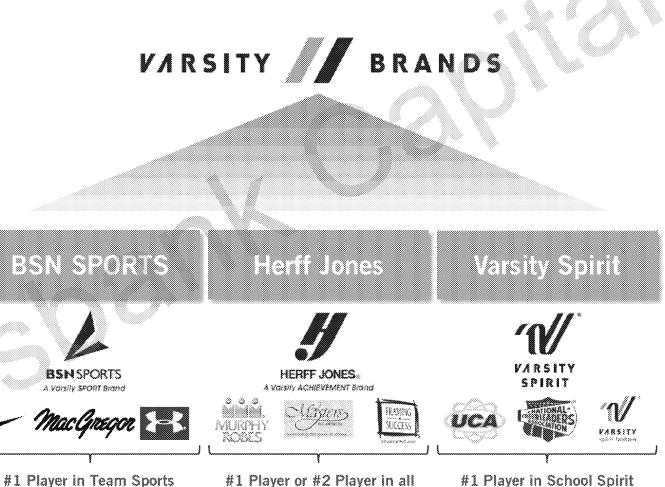
- Largest market share in a fragmented industry
- 3x larger than its nearest competitor and growing quickly

#### Herff Jones

- #1 or #2 market share in all major segments
- Well-recognized name and trusted partner for more than 12,000 schools
- 94 year history with a demonstrated ability to evolve to changing consumer preferences

#### Varsity Spirit

- Created the modern cheerleading industry
- #1 position in all categories
- Greater scale than its competitors



#1 Player in Team Sports
Apparel and Equipment

#1 Player or #2 Player in all Major Segments

#1 Player in School Spirit Industry

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# Delivering the Vision Unparalleled Customer Reach

Maximizing Customer Touch Points: 1,200 Complementary Sales Professionals

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Community Leagues

Athletic Clubs

Boosters

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Superintendents, Faculty, Students, Parents,

Districts, Counties,

**Communities** 

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Principals Advisors

PTA, Teachers, Student Leaders

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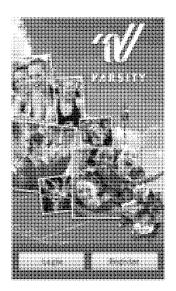
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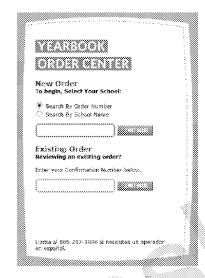


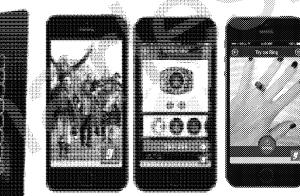


### Best-in-Class Technology Provides Unique Salesforce Efficiencies

#### Technology Investments Increase Speed and Accuracy While Enabling High Levels of Customer Service







#### **BSN SPORTS**

- Digital catalog libraries linked to inventory systems
- Inventory inquiry and order capabilities
- Marketing, artwork and training libraries

#### Herff Jones

- Web-based catalog and order entry platform
- Enhance the customer and sales representative experience
- Proprietary smart phone class ring sizing application

#### **Varsity Spirit**

- Uniform configurators linked to fulfillment systems
- Inventory, order status and A/R monitoring
- Product development team integration for unique customer requests
- Marketing, performance management and survey tools



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Robust, Leveragable Media Platform

### **Powerful Social Media Presence**

- Fully developed web-presence including multi-media, interactive and e-commerce enabled websites
- Active social media presence across multiple platforms
  - Promotes interaction with customers
  - Provides exposure to additional customers in similar markets
- - Live streaming partner of NFHS creates exclusive commerce potential for BSN, Herff Jones and Varsity Spirit









### Long-Standing Strategic Partnerships

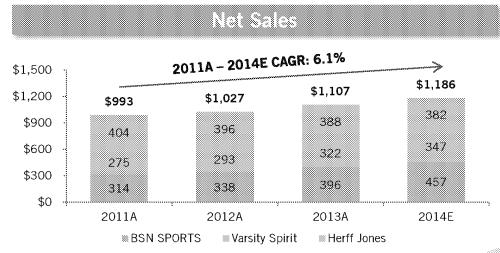
- Long-standing strategic partnerships with leading media and consumer companies
  - Improves product exposure and drives cross-selling
  - Enhances customer relationships
  - Strengthens brand awareness



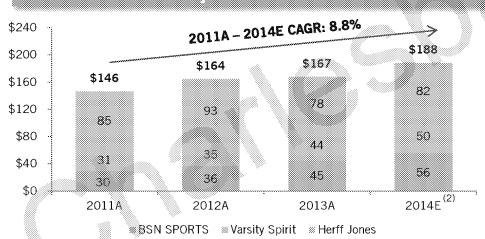
Proven Ability to Develop and Monetize Long-Lasting Customer Relationships

### Proven Track Record and Strong Free Cash Flow Generation





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- Significant size and scale with strong top-line growth
  - 6.1% net sales CAGR over the last three years
  - Adj. EBITDA in excess of \$180 million
- Proven ability to drive year-over-year Adj. EBITDA growth
  - BSN SPORTS and Varsity Spirit Adj. EBITDA CAGRs of 22.7% and 17.3%, respectively, between 2011 and 2014E
  - Herff Jones Adj. EBITDA margin in excess of 20%
  - High customer retention and organic growth
- Significant free cash flow<sup>(1)</sup> generation and conversion
- Free cash flow conversion averaging ~85% per annum
- Low capital expenditures averaging ~2% of net sales annually
- Cumulative free cash flow of more than \$570 million between 2011 and 2014E

Note: Financial data pio forma for divestiture of Herff's photography business, acquisition of Varsity Spirit in 2011 and BSN SPORTS in 2013. Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation provided in the Appendix. Historical financials based on FYE 12/31.

- (1) Free cash flow calculated as Adjusted EBITDA less Capital Expenditures
- (2) Includes \$3.0 million related to manufacturing cost savings in the Herff Jones division.

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#### Organic Growth

- Increase market share and drive growth across business units
  - Acquire new accounts
  - Increase penetration of existing accounts
  - Introduce new products and services
  - Use media to enhance businesses
- Drive market share gains through intercompany partnerships

#### Segment Integration & Sales Optimization

- Account coordination initiatives to drive cross-selling (synergy team)
- Leverage technology best practices across the platform to increase productivity and efficiency
- Account purchasing incentives
- Consolidated back-end support

### Amelification of Growth Through Acquisitions

- Opportunistic tack-on acquisitions
  - Salesforce and channel acquisitions
  - New product categories
- Transformational, platform acquisitions of complementary businesses
- New avenues for growth and customer acquisition



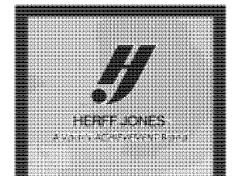
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### Proven Team with Significant Relevant, Prior Public and Private Equity Experience



- Transitioned from a manufacturer to a sales and marketing organization
- Significant improvements in working capital and cash flow
- Sales force coordination and integration with supply chain partners
- Implemented proprietary technology to enhance productivity and customer service
- Created a differentiated platform that is the employer of choice for industry sales pros





- Evolved business over 94+ year history to meet changing consumer preferences
- Developed long-standing, sticky customer relationships
- Attracted and retained a highly experienced, tenured sales force
- Developed and marketed successful valued added products and services



- Created modern-day cheerleading
- Continuously innovated to drive new sources of revenue and develop new channels
- Transitioned to an outsourced model and reduced reliance on manufacturing
- Developed an industry leading media / marketing platform
- Created and monetized strong bonds with customers



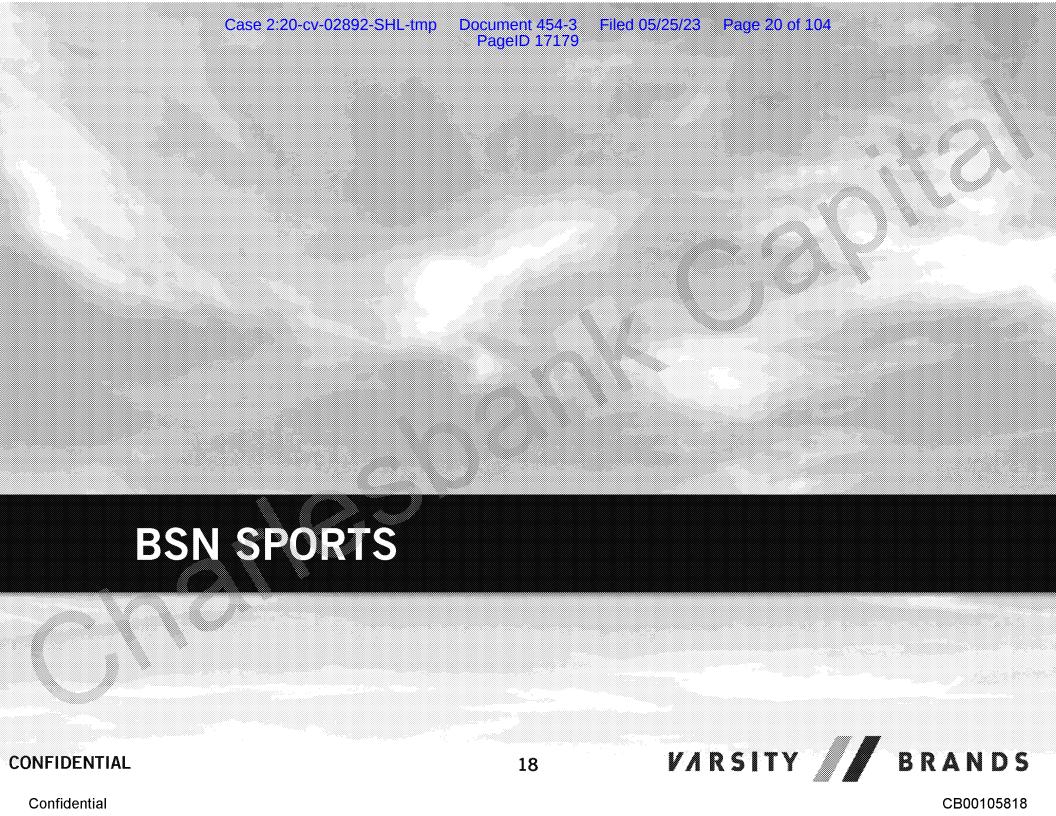
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### **BSN SPORTS Overview**

- #1 marketer and distributor of team sport uniforms, apparel and equipment in the U.S.
- Unique competitive positioning
  - Scale: largest player in fragmented industry
  - Breadth: 100,000+ school, league and city customers
  - One-Stop Shop: 250,000+ SKUs across apparel and equipment
  - Multi-Channel Go-to-Market Strategy: 3.0+ million catalogs, 72 telesales specialists, 434 road sales pros, 8 websites
  - Technology as competitive differentiator: proprietary technology investments streamline sales, ordering and delivery
  - Direct vs. Re-Distribution: removes the "middle man" with industry-changing supply chain
  - Speed: Factory-direct / 24-hour quick ship
  - Proprietary Product: 23% private label

#### Status in Problems

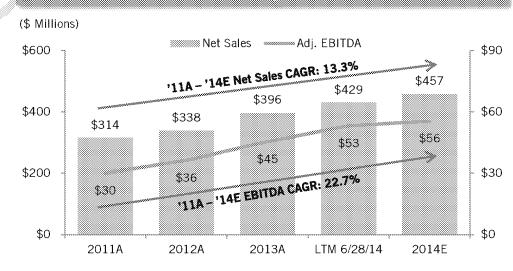
#### **Apparel**







#### Met Sales and Adjusted ESTIDA



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### **Evolution and Recent Transformation**

- In 2007, BSN SPORTS began a multi-year transformation designed to improve operations and drive financial results
- The four pillars of transformation include:
  - Shift away from manufacturing towards a sales and marketing centric organization
  - Transformation from a paper-based catalog company to a technology-rich, digital organization
  - Sales force automation and supply chain integration produce substantial net working capital improvements
  - Centralization of accounts receivable, accounts payable, information technology, back-end customer service and creative functions



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Jun-14

Working Capital % of Revenue

Highly Scalable Platform = Ability to Double Revenue Without Material Additional Investments

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Working Capital

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## Favorable Positioning in an Industry Ripe for Consolidation



- Highly fragmented, \$5 billion market with many unsophisticated mom-and-pop retailers and distributors
- Industry is ripe for consolidation
  - Mom-and-pop retailers looking for liquidity and lack robust succession plan
  - BSN has scale and infrastructure to integrate efficiently without adding significant G&A expenses
- Bulk inventory and quick-turn customization requirements discourages competition from large retailers such
  as Dick's Sporting Goods and The Sports Authority
- Industry grew through tough government funding environment and exhibited resiliency during the recession
  - Currently expanding due to increasing enrollment and school spending trends
  - Fulfilling deferred / worn equipment replacement needs



**Increasing Popularity of Non-Traditional Sports** 

**Increased School Funding** 

Increasing Focus on Childhood Activity

Increasing Differentiation of Uniform and Equipment Style

#### **Expanded Focus on Parent Pay**

Source: National Center for Education Statistics.

(1) Represents enrollment in education in elementary and secondary institution

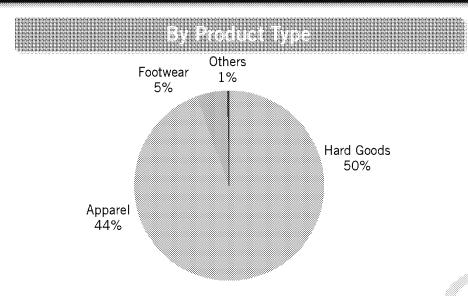
#### Accelerating School Enrollment Growth 🤼 (Thousands) 60,000 '07-'14: 1% Growth 55,000 50,000 45,000 40,000 1985 1990 2005 1980 1995 2000 2010 2015 2020

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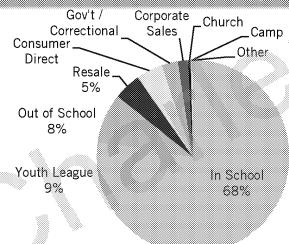
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## **Business Snapshot**

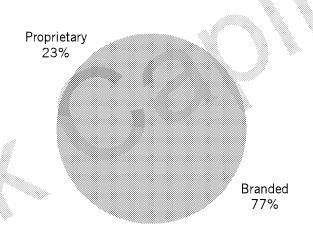


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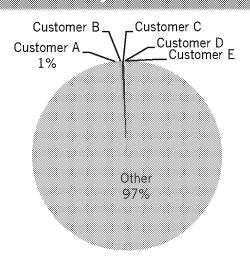


Note: All figures represent LTM 6/28/14.

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## **Product Offering**

- **Broad offering including both branded products (primarily uniforms and apparel) and proprietary products (primarily equipment)**
- **№ 50%+ proprietary product gross margins versus ~35% for branded products**

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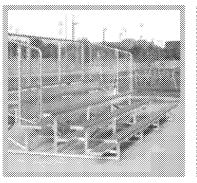




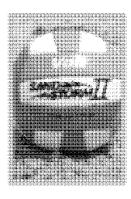










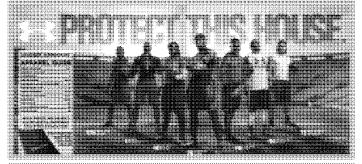


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## **Top Suppliers**







### Strong Relationships With All Suppliers and Brand Partners

### Top 10 Strontes

Company	Prop / Brand	% of Purchases
Nike	Branded	28%
Under Armour	Branded	5%
Kyvas International	Proprietary	3%
Wilson Sporting Goods	Branded	3%
Alleson Athletic	Branded	2%
Badger Sportswear	Branded	2%
Broder Brothers	Branded	2%
Rawlings Sporting Goods	Branded	2%
Aer-Flo	Branded	1%
Schutt Sports	Branded	1%
Total		48%

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## **Unique Go-To-Market Strategy**

#### Multi-Channel Distribution Network



Field Sales Pros

Telesales Specialists
72 Reps

eCommerce 8 Websites Catalogs 3+ Million

Over 250,000 Uniform, Apparel and Equipment SKUS

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Over 100,000 Schools, Leagues and Youth Organizations



## Supply Chain Integration is a Key Competitive Advantage

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### Vendor Catalog Mapping



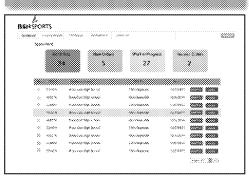
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#### Team Art Locks



#### Decoration Bonical



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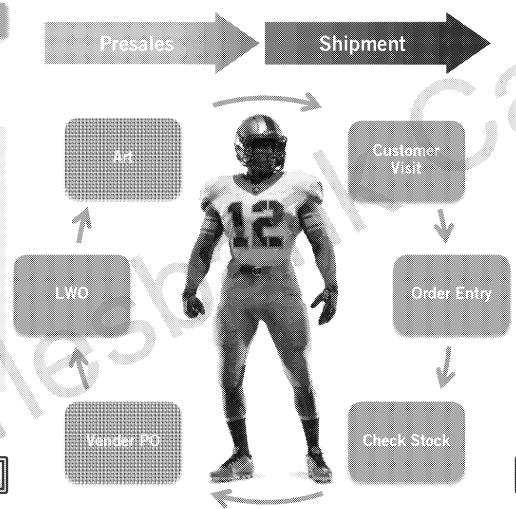
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### Competitors Utilize a Slow, Lengthy Sales Cycle

#### Compatitors Sales (974)

- Days 1-2
  - -- Customer visit
  - --- Fax order form to CSR
- Days 2-3
  - CSR and sales rep resolve availability issues
- Fax purchase order to vendor
- Days 3-4
  - Customer requests custom artwork
  - Art proofs submitted for approval
- Days 4-5+
  - Customization form faxed to decorator

5+ Day Cycle



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- Sales representative visit
  - Order entry via iPad
  - Real-time inventory availability check via iPad
  - Automated purchase order to vendor via EDI
  - On-site custom artwork design and proofing via iPad
  - Electronic artwork submission to decorator via online portal

10 Minute Cycle

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## Platform Capable of Sustained Long Term Growth

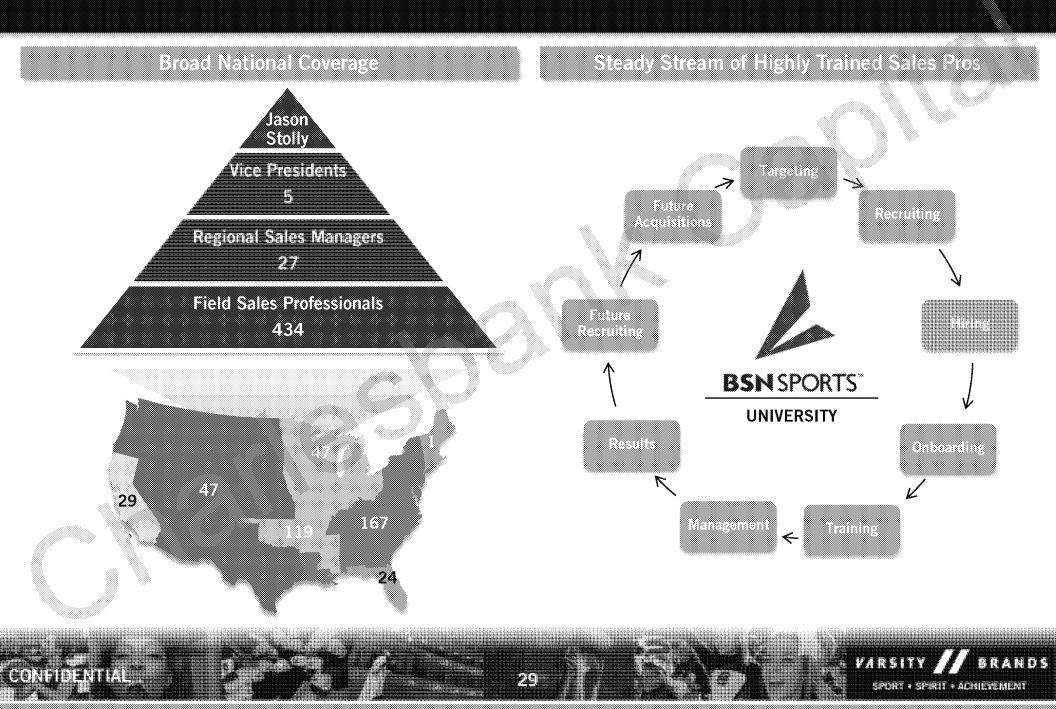
Existing Accounts: Deeper Vertical Penetration New Accounts and Markets: Broader Horizontal Reach to New Accounts and Channels

BSN SPORTS is capable of delivering long term growth through the successful execution of its tangible growth strategy

Accelerated Reconstruent and Development of Basi-in-Class Sales Pros

Opportunistic Distributor and Product-Oriented Acquisitions

## Scalable Field Sales Team & Training Supports Continued Growth

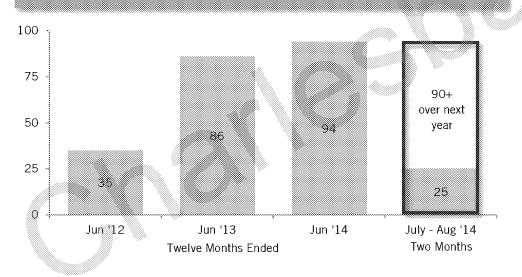


## Capitalizing on Sales Pro Recruiting Momentum

#### Sales Pro Recriting Progline

- Identified pipeline of more than 425 total recruits
  - \$225+ million incremental sales
- 25 net new Sales Pros hired since July 1, 2014
  - Expected to generate incremental revenue of \$8.1 million

#### Historical Net New Sales Pros



### **BSN SPORTS is the Employer of Choice**

- Advanced technology systems
- Ability to earn greater commission on same book of business
- Deeper base of proprietary products
- Better access and visibility to 3<sup>rd</sup> party product
- Strong centralized telesales infrastructure to support field sales
- Aggressive growth aspirations

Varsity Brands Platform Offers Proprietary Method to Cross Recruit High Value Targets

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## Best-in-Class Sales Pros Drive Organic Growth

#### Inorease in Sales Porce Experience.

# <1 Year Sales Pro

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- ~\$175K average sales
- Growing at very high rates
- Trajectory to \$515K sales
- Strong GM performance
- Best trained on new system
- Many are quite experienced

#### 1-2 Year Sales Pro

(34% of Sales Force / 59 reps)

- ~662K average sales
- Still growing at 10%+
- Improving GM performance
- Still learning system
- Many \$750K performers

#### Seasoned Sales Pro

(41% of Sales Force / 201 reps)

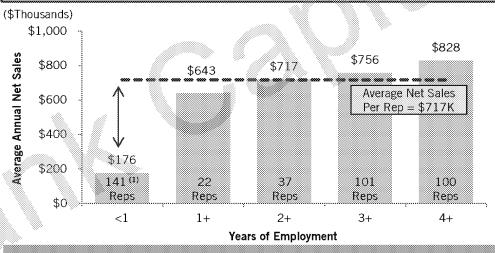
- ~810K average sales
- Still growing at 2-5%+
- Trajectory to \$835K+ sales
- Strongest GM performance
- Strong proprietary product
- Many \$1mm+ performers

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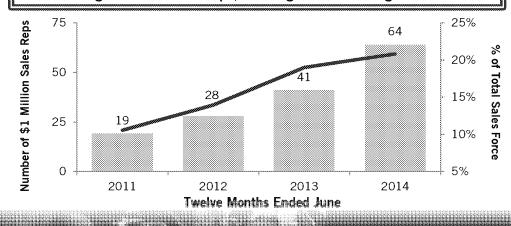
#### Leads to Significant Revenue Ramp

#### ~\$65 million Growth Ramp Imminent from New Hires, Tenure



#### ---And Increased Productivity

#### Even Among Tenured Sales Reps, Growing Number of High-Dollar Sellers



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## **Opportunity to Increase Penetration in Existing Markets**

### BSN SPORTS Sales per Capita by State

Nationwide Average of \$1.31 Net Sales Per Capita

#### Net Sales Per Capita

\$0.00 - \$0.50

\$0.50 - \$1.00

\$1.00 - \$1.50

\$1.50 - \$2.00

\$2.00 - \$2.50

\$2.50+

Reflects location of sales pros

Note: Data reflects Net Sales excluding freight.

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## Increasing Penetration in Existing Markets

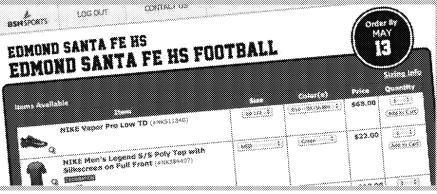
Case Study: My Team Shop

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- My Team Shop was launched in 2009
- Simple portal for parents to purchase customized school / league products
- School / league receives a "rebate" based on total goods purchased, serving as a fundraiser
- Average Team Shop gross margin of 40%+







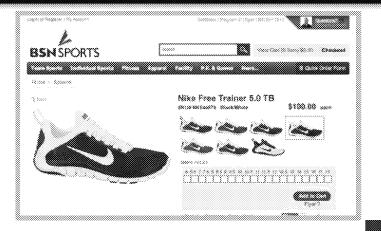
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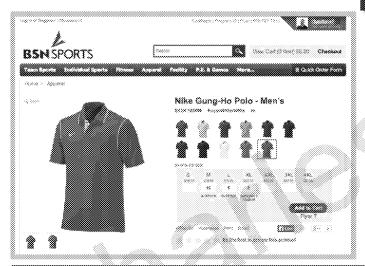
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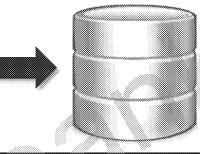
## **Developing New Channels**

**Coming Soon: My School Shop** 









	Name	Mascot	Color 1
	Hoover	Buccaneers	Orange
	Jenks	Trojans	Maroon
	De La Salle	Spartans	Green
•	Permian	Panthers	Black

School Database: 19,200 records



**Customized School Wide Website For Every School** Salesforce Fund-Raising Component to Drive Adoption

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# **Strong Pipeline of Tack-On Acquisitions**

- Completed 22 dealer and product acquisitions since June 2009, with five acquisitions executed YTD 2014
  - Average historical purchase price ~2.7x EBITDA
  - Low integration risk and typically deleveraging
- Largest acquisition pipeline in the Company's history
  - Currently ~\$425 million of potential incremental sales in the active backlog
  - Targets average ~\$4.5 million in revenue
- Proven ability to complete transformative acquisitions
- All acquisitions are upside opportunity as none have been included in forecast

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Status	Sharing Info	Interested in Selling	Negotiating	Active LOI	BSN Pursuing	Low Priority	On Radar; Inactive	
# of Targets	9	3	0	2	80	138	30	262
Total Revenues (\$ millions)	\$109.5	\$5.2	\$0.0	\$5.3	\$305.0	\$340.8	\$86.6	\$852.4

94 Active Targets with ~\$425 million in Incremental Revenue

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# History of Successfully Completing Tack-on Acquisitions

(\$Thousands)

#### Average purchase multiple of 2.7x LTM EBITDA

- On a consolidated basis at time of acquisition, targets were projected to:
  - Contribute \$81+ million of net sales and \$9
     million of EBITDA in first year of ownership
- Acquisitions have consistently over-delivered relative to expectations
  - Generated ~\$10 mm of EBITDA
- Low integration risk

#### (1) Actual results thru 6/30/2010.

#### BSN SPORTS: Completed Acquisitions

							Forecast	Actual EV /
	Acquistion		Enterprise		Forecast	Actual	EV/EBITDA	EBITDA
	Date	Company	Value	Revenue	EBITDA	EBITDA	Multiple	Multiple
	6/24/2009	Websters	\$208.7	\$3,553,5	\$476.9	\$387.3	<sup>1</sup> 0.4x	0.5x
	6/30/2009	Doerners	147.9	1,944.5	265.8	186.9	<sup>1</sup> 0.6x	0.8x
	7/30/2009	Har-Bell	250.3	1,560.7	204.0	162.4	<sup>2</sup> 1.2x	1.5x
	3/24/2010	Coaches Sports Corner	1,474.7	4,920.8	481.7	415.0	<sup>5</sup> 3.1x	3.6x
	4/23/2010	Greg Larson Sports	2,222.5	7,363.1	1,049.9	1,008.0	<sup>5</sup> 2.1x	2.2x
	5/24/2010	Kattus Pro Team Sports	2,638.6	6,875.6	725.3	874.0	<sup>5</sup> 3.6x	3.0x
	8/18/2010	PALs Sports Center	783.8	4,000.7	348.9 <sup>3</sup>	433.0	<sup>5</sup> 2.2x	1.8x
	9/30/2010	Gear 2000	1,404.4	1,970.0	359.0 <sup>3</sup>	615.0	⁵ 3.9x	2.3x
	6/24/2011	Bethlehem Sporting Goods	497.1	3,512.9	582.3 <sup>4</sup>	756.4	<sup>5</sup> 0.9x	0.7x
	4/13/2012	Ken-Tenn Sports	898.3	2,900.0	248.7 <sup>7</sup>	335.4	<sup>5</sup> 3.6x	2.7x
	6/8/2012	Dial - A Down	325.8	250.0	123.1 <sup>7</sup>	161.2	<sup>5</sup> 2.6x	2.0x
	7/20/2012	Holiday Sporting Goods	265.6	2,350.0	233.9 <sup>7</sup>	654.5	5 1.1x	0.4x
8	9/10/2012	GameDay Athletics	420.6	1,875.0	179.7 <sup>7</sup>	612.1	<sup>5</sup> 2.3x	0.7x
	10/30/2012	Hayden's Sport Center	3,258.5	10,025.0	674.9 <sup>7</sup>	1,376.8	<sup>5</sup> 4.8x	2.4x
	2/26/2013	Holovak & Coughlin	358.0	1,800.0	156.4 <sup>7</sup>	697.3	<sup>5</sup> 2.3x	0.5x
	5/8/2013	EKHO	870.3	948.4	203.7 7	503.7	<sup>5</sup> 4.3x	1.7x
	6/27/2013	Spokane Athletic Supply	1,763.0	4,050.0	416.7 <sup>7</sup>	505.9	<sup>6</sup> 4.2x	3.5x
	10/7/2013	Beaver Distributing	412.0	1,625.0	102.2 7	na	4.0x	na
	11/5/2013	Kohlmyer Sporting Goods	1,439.6	3,800.0	325.5 <sup>7</sup>	na	4.4x	na
	4/22/2014	East Texas Sports Center	578.5	4,100.0	397.9 <sup>8</sup>	na	1.5x	na
	5/6/2014	Olympia Sporting Goods	2,441.1	5,800.0	728.2 <sup>8</sup>	na	3.4x	na
	5/16/2014	Judge Little	3,767.2	6,300.0	845.6 8	na	4.5x	na
			\$26,426.6	\$81,525.1	\$9,130.1	\$9,684.6	2.9x	2.7x

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<sup>(2)</sup> Actual results from 7/30/2009 thru 6/30/10.

<sup>(3)</sup> Pro Forma for 7/1/10 - 6/30/11.

<sup>(4)</sup> Pro Forma for 7/1/11 - 6/30/12

<sup>(5)</sup> Actual results for first 12 months post acquisition.

<sup>(6)</sup> Estimated results 3/1/131 - 5/31/14 (annualized).

<sup>(7)</sup> Pro Forma for 7/1/13 - 6/30/14.

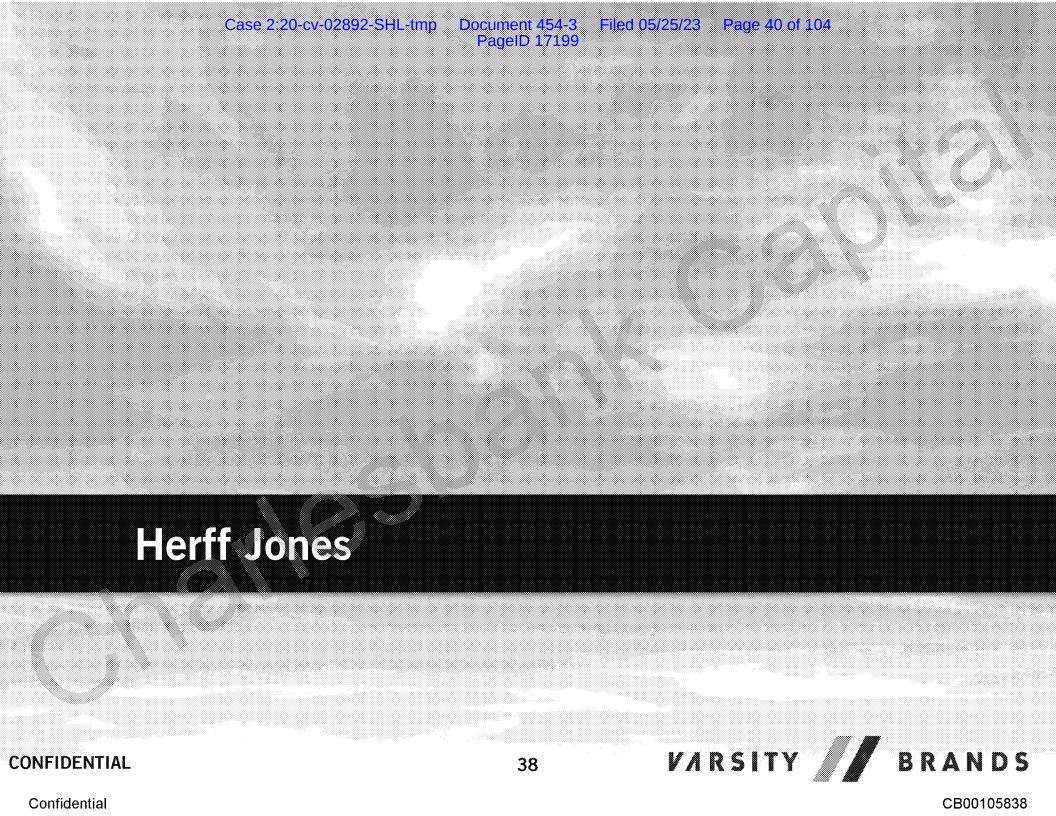
<sup>(8)</sup> Pro Forma for 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

# Leveraging BSN SPORTS' Experience Across Varsity Brands

- **Sales Force Integration and Optimization**
- **Experience Transforming from a Manufacturing Business to Sales and Marketing Business**
- **Successful Consolidation of Back-Office Functions**
- Multi-Year Historical Growth with Clear Path for Future Acceleration
- Relationships with School and School District Athletic Directors, Coaches and Superintendents
- **Introduce Herff Jones to New Customers and Buyer Types**

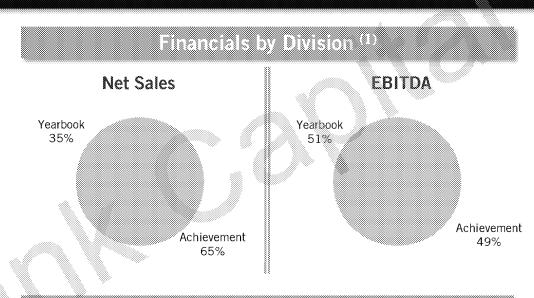
Highly Leverageable, Scalable Business with Experienced Team to Help Drive Integration and Growth Across the Varsity Brands Platform

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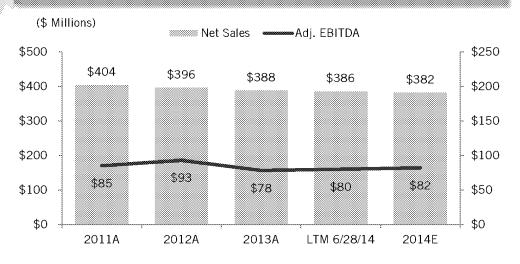


## **Herff Jones Overview**

- Diversified product offering two divisions
  - #1 provider of cap and gown, academic regalia, diplomas and diploma frames
  - #2 provider and supplier of yearbooks, class rings, and graduation announcements
- Network of ~480 sales representatives and relationships with more than 12,000 schools, principals and administrators
  - Average sales representative tenure of 15 years
- Entrenched business with long-term, sticky customers
  - Annual renewal rates between 88-95%
- Limited number of competitors.
  - Opportunity for increased market share
  - Expansion into adjacent channels
- Significant opportunity for cost reductions and manufacturing footprint rationalization
- 94 years of history with demonstrated ability to evolve business
- (1) Represents the last twelve months ended June 28, 2014.



## Net Sales and Adjusted EBITDA



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# **Achievement Category Overview**

#### Cap & Gown:

- #1 market position with 40% share and proven recession resilience
- Graduation cap & gowns, choir, clergy and judicial robes

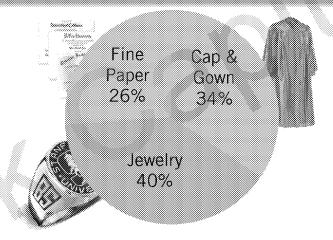
#### ■ Fine Paper:

- #1 market position in diplomas and frames and #2 market position in fine papers
- Diplomas, covers, frames, graduation announcements as well as senior products and memorabilia

#### Jewelry:

- #1 supplier of jewelry to Sororities and Fraternities and #2 market share in high school class rings
- High school and college class rings, sorority, fraternity and medical career jewelry
- NBA, NHL, MLB and Super Bowl championship rings

## Achievement Category Sales by Product<sup>®</sup>



## Why Adhievement is Attractive

- High customer retention rates
- Stable consumer demand
  - Based on highly regarded traditions
  - Commemorate once-in-a-lifetime accomplishments
- Long-standing relationships with key decision makers

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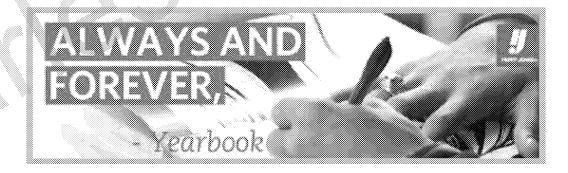
# **Yearbook Category Overview**

## Category Overview

- and largest manufacturer of yearbooks in the U.S.
  - Approximately 20% market share
  - Highly profitable with EBITDA margins of ~33%
- Sales derived principally from junior high and high schools
  - Management estimates ~50-60% of students purchase yearbooks
  - Renewed focus on elementary yearbook market

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- Long-term relationships with 90%+ retention rates
- More than a book → Yearbook is part of the curriculum
  - Graded class at ~80% of high schools (e.g. scholastic iournalism)
  - Most teachers rely on yearbook provider for curricula and software
  - Quality of Herff Jones yearbooks, as judged by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, supports acquisition of new customers and retention of existing accounts



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# **Evolution of Leadership Priorities Over Time**

#### 19603 - 19803

- Expanded product lines in the school space
- Pursued complementary acquisitions
  - Yearbook
  - School photography
  - School fund raising
  - Social studies
     supplemental market
  - Cap and gown

#### 1990's - 2007

- Recapitalized the Company through a sale to ESOP
- Debt repayment became management's top priority
- Occasionally pursued selected acquisitions
  - Supplemented existing products / segments

#### 2008 - 2013

- Retrenched and preserved market share during the Great Recession
- Divested underperforming assets (Photography division)
- Initiated efforts to transform business through strategic acquisitions
- Diversified portfolio
- -- BSN SPORTS
- Varsity Spirit
- Added diploma frames and additional jewelry product lines

## New Day. 2014 and Beyond

- Leveraging Varsity Brands platform to increase share
- Developing alternative channels
  - Improving marketing
  - Reaching new customers
- Divested Education division
- Reducing costs, focusing on cash flow and working capital
- Transforming into a sales and marketing centric organization
  - Rationalizing manufacturing footprint through outsourcing
  - Adapting to a new sales representative model

Growth

Retrenchment

Transformation

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# New Initiatives Driving Renewed, Sustained Growth

Product	Singlesy// Steaming	Results
Class Rings	<ul> <li>Identify and implement sales best practices</li> <li>New marketing initiatives (email outreach)</li> <li>Launch of interactive applications to drive engagement (ring sizing app for mobile devices)</li> <li>Better utilization of Believe in You program</li> </ul>	Ring unit sales up 1.7% y-o-y through the first six months of 2014 Increased attendance at order taking events 1,300 app downloads & 3,000 rings created since July 2014 launch Added ~650 net new accounts since 2010
Cap & Gown	<ul> <li>Increase emphasis on custom rental programs</li> <li>Develop new, high margin customized products</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Custom cap &amp; gown business is up ~35% since 2010</li> <li>Added ~210 net new accounts and 67,000 new units</li> </ul>
	* Improve sales force sales training	Incremental revenue of \$12 / unit and ~5.5 year contract  Launched digital photo announcements which experienced an 87% increase in revenue during 2014
Fine Paper	<ul> <li>Introduction of new products</li> <li>New marketing and customer contact campaigns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Captured 200,000+ emails and 42,000+ new contacts since August 2014</li> <li>Diplomas and diploma frame sales continue to show strength with year-over-year revenue growth</li> </ul>
Yearbook	New programming (Advantage Plus, Believe in You, Y is for Yearbook) to attract new accounts  Better incentivize sales force and leverage salesforce.com tools  Require use of Yearbook Order Center for	<ul> <li>Yearbook page counts and copies per school have stabilized</li> <li>Winning business back in 2014/15 from smaller competitors who drove down pricing</li> <li>93% of reps utilizing saleforce.com (up from 0% in 2013)</li> <li>Added ~570 net new accounts since 2010</li> </ul>
	some schools	

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# **Herff Jones Vision and Strategy**

Execute Dramatic Cost Reduction Initiatives Utilize Strong Cash Flow to Aggressively Expand Market Share

Herff Jones is Transforming to a Customer Centric Sales and Marketing Organization

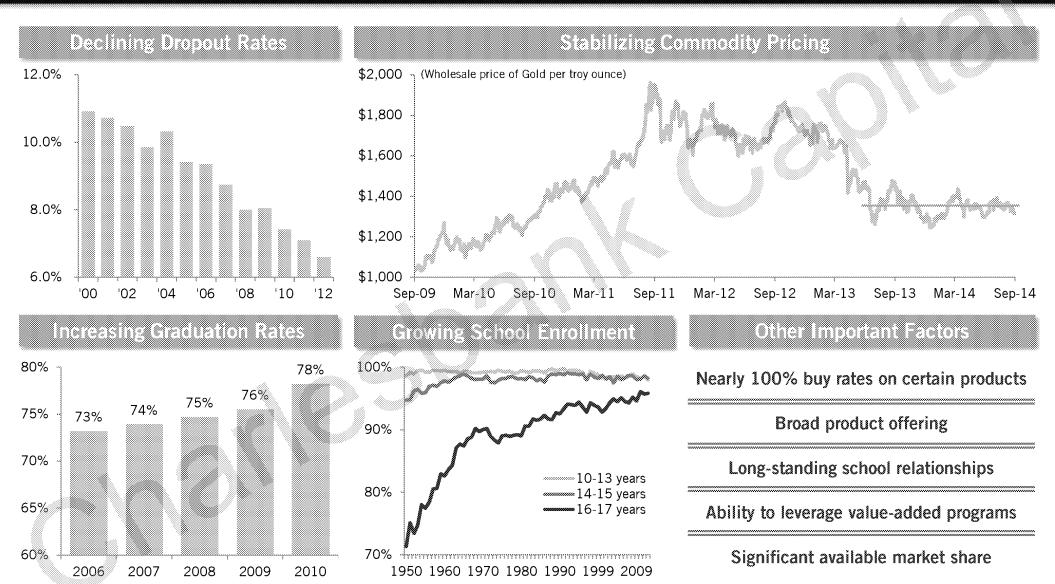
Reduce Reliance on Manufacturing

Increase Agility and Speed to Market



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# Market Fundamentals Support Transformation Initiatives



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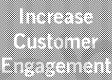
# Shifting to a Customer Centric Sales & Marketing Organization

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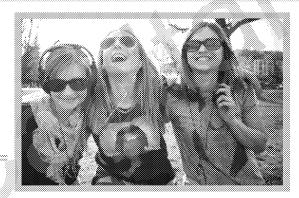
- Recently completed an exhaustive consumer research study reinforcing:
  - Value of relationships with parents
  - Contact with customers early in the school year
- Customers desire convenience, one-stop-shopping and personalization

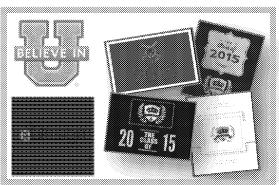
## Driving Relevance Brough Differentiation and innovation

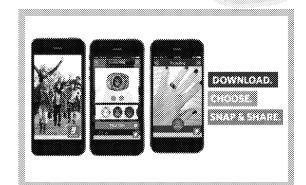
- Reinvigorate relationships with schools
  - Broad product portfolios and valued-added services (Egg Harbor, NJ)
  - Promote thought leadership (White Papers)
- Develop a customer centric focus
  - Continually refresh and innovate product lineup



- Utilize customer contact database
- Parent emails ensures messaging reaches key decision makers
- Recently launched exclusive ring app
- Encourages interaction between students, products and Herff Jones
- Leverage Varsity Spirit social media best practices
  - Form stronger B2C relationships







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Herff Jones Together We Can Video



# **Increase Training for Sales Representatives**

Aligned sales and marketing strategies



BSN SPORTS and Varsity Spirit sales force best practices Better sales rep training and resources

New sales and marketing tools

Simple, consolidated back office customer support

## Positive Initial Feedback

"Thank you so much for all your help last night at Pioneer HS – with the email/texting campaign, we doubled the parent/student group for this initial order night for PHS, so your help is much appreciated!"

"In the past I have mailed a letter on school letterhead to each student's home addressed to the parent that detailed Herff Jones as the official school ring supplier, order dates, etc.

This year so far, I have collected the contact cards at my class meeting and have utilized the HJ email/texting program in place of the formal letter mailed home."

"I was very nervous at first about this new program, but would like to report that I am up in ring units at each of the schools to date.

In addition to being a more effective means of communication to the students/parents, I am saving a TON of money on postage!"

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## Increase Market Share

- Leverage Varsity Brands' collective relationships and product portfolio to acquire new accounts
- Reinvigorate Yearbook sales effort
  - Increase order center activity with outbound sales and school support
  - Leverage Salesforce.com to win new business



#### Interesise Automobile Remails from

- Increase exposure through direct-to-consumer tactics
  - Scholastic: Over 200,000 student/parent emails; 42,000 new contacts received in August / September
- Effective engagement with students
- Enhance and improve current product and service offerings
  - New Photo announcement line rolled out Fall 2014
  - Yearbook offers augmented reality in 2014
- Cross promote more effectively
  - 1 million cap and gown units sold annually; 50% buy announcements and half of those buy party invites















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# **Product and Channel Diversification**

#### **Elementary School Yearbooks**

- Current market share of ~2% accounts for ~\$4.8 million revenue
- Increasing share to 20% (same as existing Yearbook penetration) equates to total revenue of ~\$48 million
- Recently began utilizing salesforce.com data for sales representatives
  - All schools are loaded into sales representatives' contacts
  - Enables performance and KPI tracking

#### **Drive Average Selling Price Higher**

- Offer more personalization options
- Expedite continued customization in high school and college cap & gowns
- Leverage innovation to command premium pricing
- Bundle products with value added services for schools

#### **New Products and New Channels**

- Source products consumers demand (vs. selling what Herff Jones manufactures)
- Introduce product innovation, such as digital announcements
- Develop new markets
  - Varsity Spirit partnership enables cross selling of rings for cheer clubs and competitions
  - Expand to other activity groups

#### **Enhance eCommerce Capabilities**

- Leverage BSN SPORTS' eCommerce strategies including "My Team Shop" and "My School Shop"
- \* For the first time in Spring 2015, Herff Jones customers can freely purchase most products online (except diplomas)
- Leverage new eCommerce solution for college market across all other product categories

## **Opportunities Not Included In Projections**

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# New Growth Strategies Lead to Increased Market Share

- Leverage Varsity Spirit's and BSN SPORTS's relationships and cross-selling programs to continue to gain market share from competitors
- Expand implementation of salesfoce.com in conjunction with new marketing strategies to improve buy rates
- Adopt Varsity Spirit's social media strategy and B2C best practices
- Pursue elementary school yearbook accounts in new channels with newly identified sales incentives

## Small Market Share Gains Result in Significant Increase in Profitability

Market Segment	Herff Jones Total Sales	Est. Market Share	Est. Market Size	Evidence G		
Achievement	\$257.0	26%	\$982.5	\$9.8	46%	\$4.5
Yearbook	\$138.0	20%	\$690.0	\$6.9	63%	\$4.3
Total		000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 000	0 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000	\$16.7	53%	\$8.9

Penetration Delivers Significant EBITDA Opportunity

1% Increase in Business Yields \$2 million Additional EBITDA

) Assumes same EBITDA margin as 2013A

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# **Implement Cost Savings Initiatives**

Description	Savings	Commentary
Outsource Ring Manufacturing	\$3.5 million	Additional outsourcing of ring production to Merida, Mexico  Providence, RI manufacturing operations consolidated into Warwick, RI facility
Consolidation of Yearbook manufacturing	8.2 million	Potential outsourcing of printing     Will allow for the potential to consolidate four yearbook print facilities into one (Edwardsville, KS)
Consolidation of Diploma manufacturing	0.9 million	Elimination of excess capacity     Manufacturing will be consolidated into other Herff Jones facilities
Consolidation of Frame manufacturing	1.0 million	Elimination of excess capacity  Manufacturing will be consolidated into other Herff Jones facilities
401K Matching	3.0 million	Bringing Herff Jones' 401k matching plan in line with other divisions' plans
Total	\$16.6 million	







# 3rd Party Outsourcing and Yearbook Consolidation Initiatives

## Officeuroed Ring Production to Mexico

- Strategy:
  - Outsource polishing, engraving and stone setting
- Result:
  - Reduced cost of goods sold and created additional facility capacity
  - Moved remaining production and closed facility creating significant G&A savings
- Total cost savings of ~\$4.4 million

## Evaluating Third Party Yearbook Outsourcing

- Strategy:
  - Outsource "commodity" publishing to 3<sup>rd</sup> party printer
  - Maintain "front-end" customer relationship advantages
- Result:
  - Close three facilities
  - Significant IT and G&A savings
- Total cost savings of ~\$8.2 million
  - Achieve through 3<sup>rd</sup> party outsourcing or internal consolidation

Significant Prior Experience Enables Acceleration of Future Transformation Initiatives

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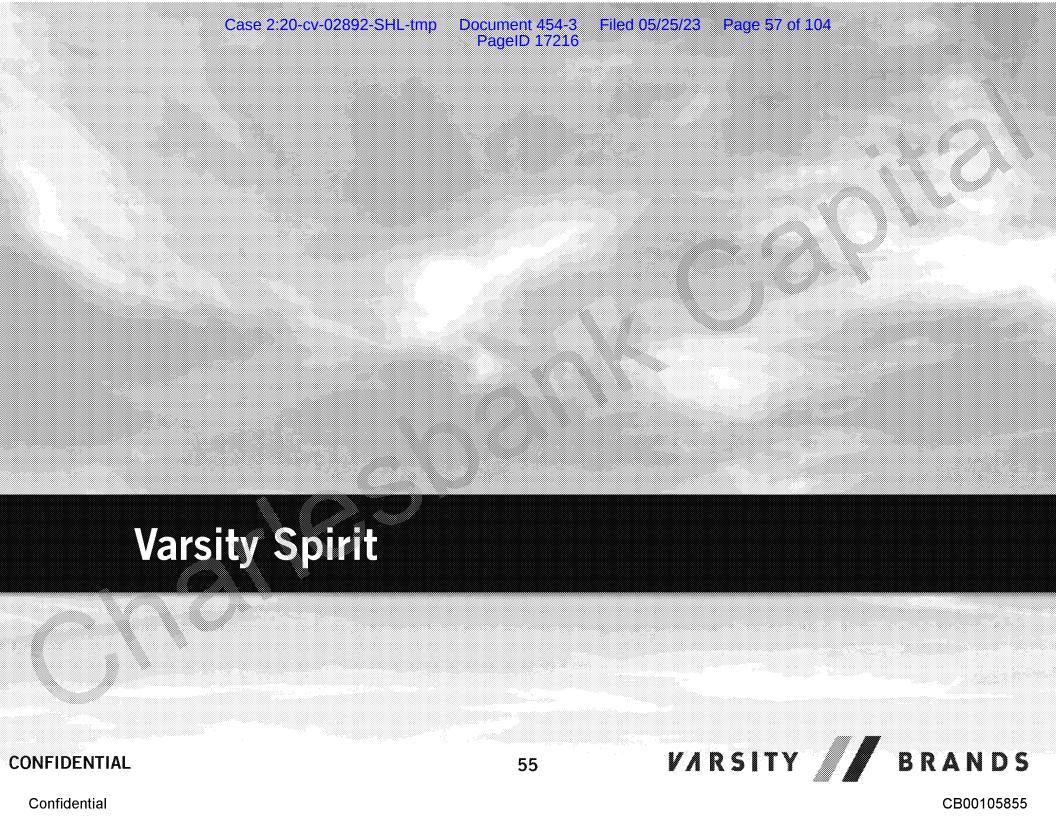
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# Leveraging Herff Jones' Experience Across Varsity Brands

- ✓ Generates Significant EBITDA Contribution and Strong Free Cash Flow Characteristics
- ✓ 94 Years of Experience and Long-Standing Relationships with Schools
- ✓ Leveraging Proprietary Leadership Program "Believe in You"
- ✓ Rounds out Varsity Brands' Relationships by Introducing Academic Touchpoints
- ✓ Allows Varsity Spirit and BSN SPORTS to Enter New Channels
- ✓ Leverage Salesforce relationships with Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Students and Parents

Stable, Experienced Contributor with Key Relationships at Schools Will Be Crucial to Varsity Brands Platform Integration

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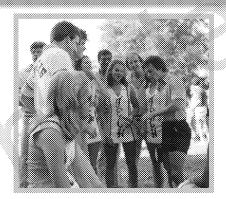


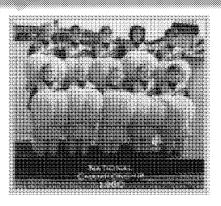
# "We are Cheerleading": The Leader in Spirit

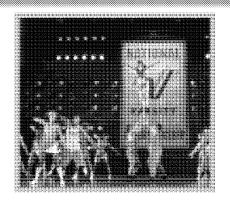
## Since 1974 Varsity Spirit has ...

- Created modern cheerleading through constant innovation
- Transformed traditional crowd leadership into an athletic, entertaining, dynamic activity
- Revolutionized cheerleading uniform aesthetics by combining function and fashion
- Developed industry regulatory bodies, rules, regulations and safety guidelines
- Promoted and increased the popularity of cheerleading through high-quality marketing campaigns
- Televised cheerleading and built international recognition through 31-year relationship with ESPN

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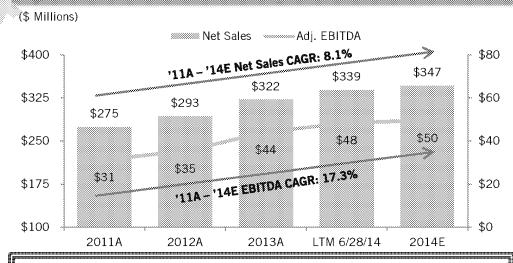


- Dominant brand and recognized expert in cheerleading and dance uniforms, camps and competitions → Varsity Spirit is Cheerleading
- Unique product offering, and national sales organization with deeply entrenched relationships
  - Highly customizable products meet the distinct needs of each individual cheerleader, dancer or squad
- Relationships with 20,000 middle / high schools, 2,000 college and university programs, 2,500 gyms and 525,000 students
- Unmatched multi-channel platform:
  - Uniform and apparel sales
  - Camps and events
  - Sophisticated content publishing platform and engaged social media community
- In the early stages of global expansion

II.) Pert sales for the last twelve months ended June 29, 2014. Excludes "Other"

# Net Sales by Product Uniforms & Apparel Events 46% 54%

## Net Sales and Adjusted EBITDA



Track Record of Driving Y-o-Y Growth

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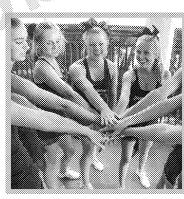
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# **Unique Business Model**

- Dominant brand and unique business model
- Model combines dynamic sales, marketing and media platform with unmatched relationship network
- Leading marketer and manufacturer of branded products and services to the spirit industry
- Industry leadership with deeply entrenched relationships and multi-channel reach
- Strong track record of growth and profitability
  - YoY revenue growth in 39 out of the last 40 years
  - YoY EBITDA growth in 37 out of the last 40 years







Dynamic Sales, Marketing and Media Platform

Uniterns & Accessins

Competitions & Events

Camps & Clinics (Year-round Training)







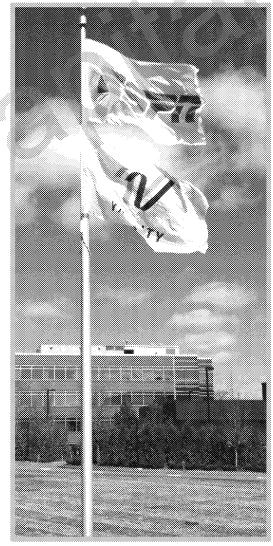
# Valuable, Entrenched Strategic Partnerships



Reinforce cross-selling activity

Strengthen brand awareness

Provide additional source of revenue and potential new business



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# **Strong Spirit Industry Dynamics**

#### Market Position

#### Uniforms

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#### Camps

#1 Market Position

#### Competitions

#1 Market Position

Note: Market Share represents Management estimates.

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- Primary competitors are small, regional players only focused on one or two segments
- Competitive landscape includes:
  - --- Aloha
  - Americheer
  - Cheerleaders of America
  - Epic Brands
  - GK Elite (Under Armour)
  - GTM

- Jam Brands
- Nfinity
- Rebel Athletic
- Team Cheer
- Team Leader

## Segment Byranics

- Industry caters to the growing population of children and young adults aged 5-22
  - ~2 million active cheerleaders in the U.S.
- Market share gains in non-school All Star market driving growth
  - A single national championship draws up to 25,000 participants and 60,000 total attendees
- Cheer families spend ~\$2,500 to ~\$10,000 per year

#### International Paritypation

- Major growth of cheer in Asia and Latin America
- First Varsity Spirit Academy to open in Guangzhou, China in Fall 2014
- International Cheer Union (founded by Varsity Spirit) has 104 member countries
  - ICU recognized by SportAccord in 2013
  - Application pending for International Olympic Committee

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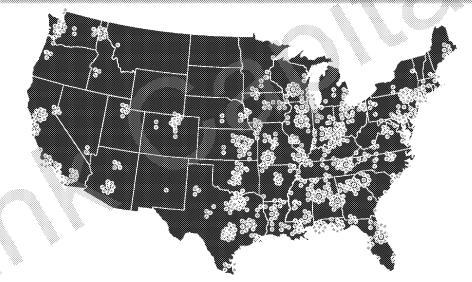
# **Unrivaled Camps Footprint and Operations**

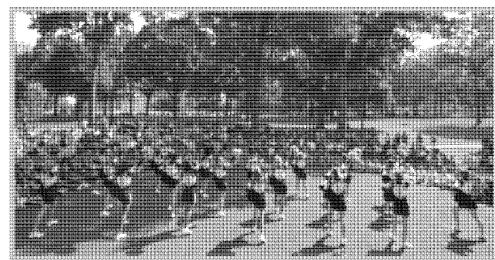
- Nationwide operator of leading cheer and dance instructional camps
- Game material, safety & skills instruction, choreography and coaches training
- Camps held across the country and characterized into two groups:
  - Residential & Resort: 1,036 camps hosted on college campuses and resort properties (as shown on map at right)
  - Non-residential: 4,581 day camps attended by local cheerleaders held near their home or school

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- Instructors are typically college coaches, cheerleaders and former camp participants
  - Staff are viewed as the professional athletes of cheer and crosssell Varsity Spirit products and services
- Instructors are trained on the most up-to-date teaching and safety techniques

## Largest Footprint of Dance and Cheer Camps in U.S.





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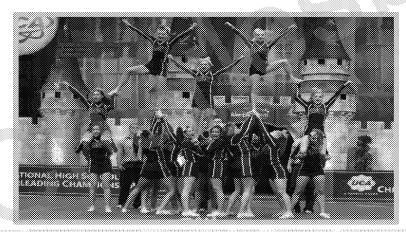


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# Leader in Competitions and Special Events

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- 300+ regional and national competitions annually
  - School competitions: youth / recreational teams and middle, high school and college squads
  - All Star competitions: not affiliated with school or sports teams; only exist to compete
- Key source of revenue, enables product marketing, increases customer loyalty and enhances brand awareness
- 7 major championships air on leading networks and on Varsity TV's worldwide streaming platform
  - 28 guaranteed hours on ESPN & CBS Sports Network reaching
     150 million homes
  - Sponsored by various consumer and media companies



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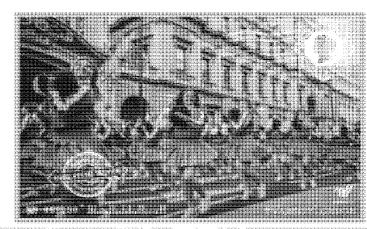
- Parades and pregame / halftime entertainment such as:
  - Macy's & Disney Thanksgiving Day Parades
  - Disney Christmas and London New Year's Day Parades
  - Capital One Bowl and NFL Pro Bowl
  - Spirit Day performances at major universities throughout the year
- Promotes the Varsity Spirit brand and allows cross marketing of products & services











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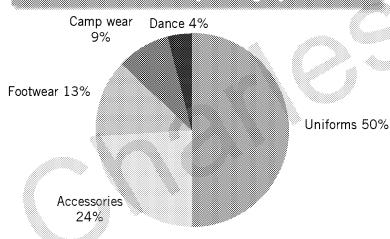


## **#1 Uniform Brand**

#### Uniforms

- Revolutionized cheer uniform styles
  - Replaced old boxy designs with custom fit, athletic uniforms
  - Varsity Spirit Fashion and Varsity All Star Fashion brands
- Design team comprised of former cheerleaders and industry experts
- Every uniform is custom and made-to-order
- Best-in-class delivery times

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Note: Revenue reflect LTM period ended June 28, 2014.

## Comprehensive Apparel Offering

Includes customizable MotionFLEX bodyliners, shell tops, skirts and pants and Powerfit shells and skirts and sublimation as well as customized lettering, logos and monograms





Includes a wide range of outerwear, socks, undergear, poms, jewelry, bows, bags, CDs and gift items





Includes cheer and dance shoes from top brands such as Varsity, Nike and Capezio







Includes t-shirts, tanks, polos, athletic shorts, skirts, skorts and practice wear







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Includes dance team tops, pants and skirts





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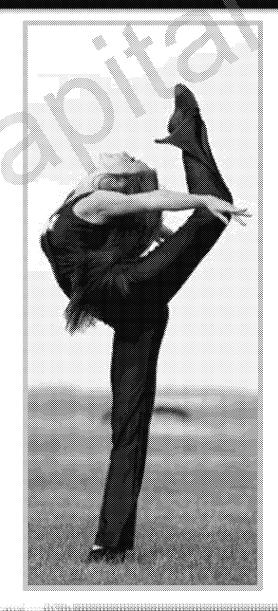
# Highly Differentiated Uniform Design and Sourcing Model

## Unique Uniform Design and Production Processes...

- 10-15 member design team works directly with customers utilizing proprietary software
- Varsity Spirit provides suppliers with patterns, fabrics, yarn and manufacturing specifications
- Manufacturers responsible for cutting, sewing, embellishment, finishing and shipping
- Independent manufacturing facilities provide flex capacity during peak seasonal selling periods
  - 50,000 units produced per week at peak production
  - Production contracted with one domestic and three offshore facilities

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- Customized products meet distinct needs of individual cheerleaders or squads
  - Advanced color matching technology process allows for exact duplication of uniforms for fill-in orders
  - Minimal exposure to finished goods
- Industry-leading turn-around time (3- to 4-weeks) for custom orders



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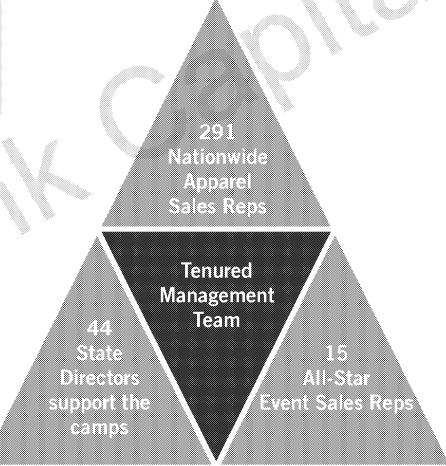
# **Dynamic Direct Sales Force**







- 350 field sales representatives who serve as indispensable relationship managers for a national base of customers
  - Reach 525,000 athletes across 20,000 schools and 2,500 gyms
- The only company with field reps assigned to every customer in every state
- Enthusiastic and highly experienced collaborative team works together to sell all three segments
- Utilizing salesforce.com CRM technology to allow for account coordination and visibility between sales teams



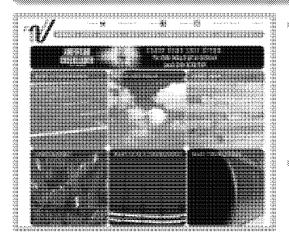
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# Dynamic Media Platform: Building Brands & Increasing Exposure

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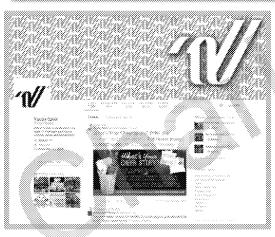
- Premier online cheer news magazine & media channel for the Varsity Spirit brands
  - 290,000 unique visitors per month
- Weekly video news show and e-newsletter, Varsity News Now

## Varsity TV



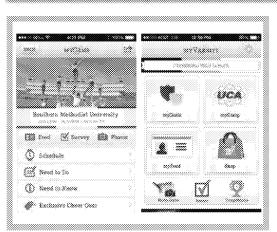
- Custom video publishing platform with 50,000+ videos
  - 1.8 million average streams per month
- Live streaming of competitions and key marketing initiatives
- Live pay-per-views from select national championships

#### Social Madia



- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,
   YouTube and Pinterest
- Constant interaction with athletes, parents and coaches
- Focused on relationship building and content marketing
- 300,000- Twitter followers

## MyVarsity Wobile Application



- Communication / marketing tool with more than 60k users
- Personalized event content and surveys
- Photo Styler and "Goals" gamification increases engagement and supports sales

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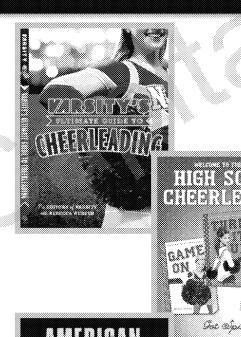
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# **Leading Media & Publishing Company**

- American Cheerleader the Magazine
  - Quarterly print and digital publication
  - Subscriptions to be provided to all coaches
  - Enables deeper communication and marketing opportunities
  - Highly engaged social media following and dynamic website
- Book Series: Varsity Novels
  - Series of young adult books about cheerleading
  - Varsity Spirit retains all television and movie rights for the series
- Documentary Feature: American Cheerleader
  - Feature-length film on the history of the Company through the lens of two teams competing at a Varsity Spirit event
  - Screening at film festivals in New York City, Louisville, Memphis and St. Louis
- 28 guaranteed hours of programming on ESPN and CBS Sports Network





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American Cheerleader Video



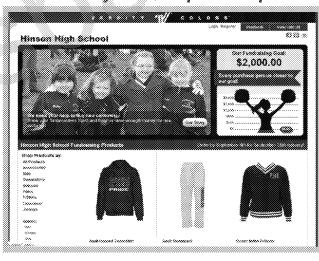
# Digital Initiatives Drive Sales & Marketing Efforts

- Varsity Spirit Fashion Style Guide allows customers to customize uniform styles
- Varsity Design Studio Rep Tool provides deeper customization for one-on-one consultations with customers, using a visual prototype
- Varsity Colors Spirit Shop is a fundraising tool for teams to sell customized spirit gear to their entire school and community
- Varsity Colors Team Shop provides tools for easy ordering and payment
  - Payment portal for both required team items and add-on individual purchases

#### **Customer Style Guide**



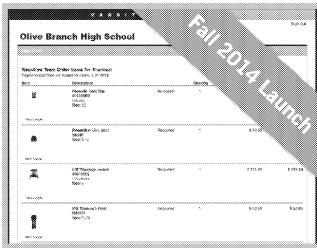
#### Varsity Colors Spirit Shop



## Rep Design Studio



## **Varsity Colors Team Shop**



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# Case Study: Continued Product Innovation

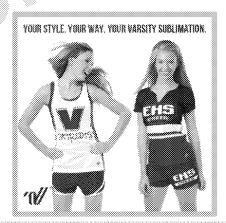
#### Povaditi Palide Innevation

- Launched in January 2014
- High performance, four-way stretch material
  - Greater comfort and ease of movement
- Increases average uniform price by \$20
- In first year, accounted for 25% of total top / skirt sales
  - Incremental revenue of \$3 million
- After two years, ~50% of sales expected to come from Powerfit™ products
  - Additional \$3 million incremental revenue



## Sublimated Campwear

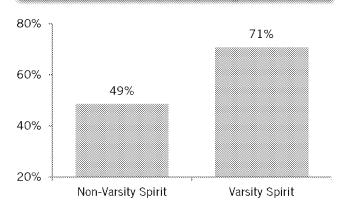
- Introduced in January 2014
- Dye-sublimation technique imprints designs into fabric
- Enables higher levels of practice wear customization
  - 100% made-to-order
  - No inventory except raw materials
- Incremental revenue of \$3 million since launch



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- Introduced in 2011
- Overwhelming popularity enabled reduction of non-Varsity shoe products
  - Varsity Spirit shoe line now includes eight styles
  - Currently only sells three Non-VarsitySpirit styles
- Only 50% of teams buy footwear from Varsity → significant opportunity

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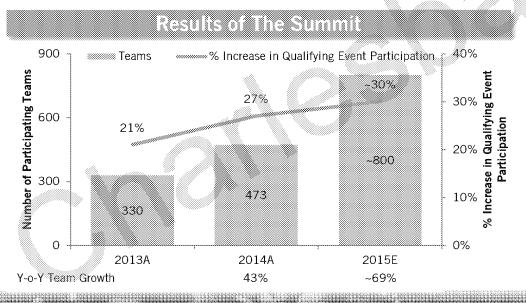
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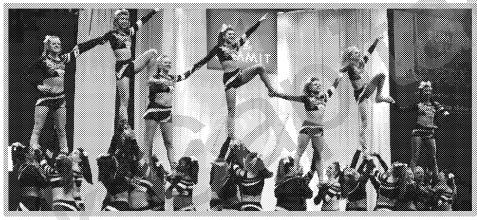
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# **Case Study: The Summit**

- Created end-of-season All Star cheerleading grand finale at Disney in Orlando, FL
  - Designed to drive increased participation to existing twoday events via qualification / bid model
  - Invested over \$1 million in paid bids to guarantee participation and prestige
- Future of The Summit 2016 and beyond
  - Considering developing a series of five regional Summit events for younger age divisions
  - Overall projected growth from one event to a series of seven events and over 2,100 teams







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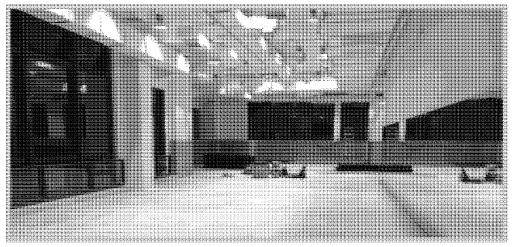
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# Case Study: Varsity Spirit in China

- In October 2014, Varsity Spirit will open its first Varsity Academy in Guangzhou, China
- Management has a strong relationship with the Ministry of Sports in China and the Department of Education and has been working with them since 2005
- Varsity Spirit has conducted camps in China with both groups since 2006
- China has sent an average of 20 teams per year to Varsity Spirit's events in Orlando
- Academy will be a training center for teams and individuals and will serve as a footprint to launch Varsity Spirit's business in China
- Varsity Spirit's China-based U.S. instructors will be positioned to conduct training camps and competitions throughout the country





- ✓ Strength in Marketing and Media
- Expertise in High-Quality, Quick-Delivery, Custom Apparel
- Unique Outsourcing Model
- **Experience in Event Planning, Execution and Travel**
- Experts in Running Large, High Profile Sports Competitions
- Innovative Curriculums for Coaches and Athletes
- Creates and Monetizes Strong Bonds with Customers
- Relationships with Spirit and Social Leaders at Schools

Varsity Spirit's Unique Approach to Reaching and Connecting with Customers Can Be Replicated Across the Varsity Brands Platform

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# Utilize Core Competencies to Drive Collaboration



- Experience transforming from manufacturing to sales and marketing
- Expertise in sales force coordination
- Successfully consolidated backoffice functions
- Strong growth trajectory with clear path for the future
- Relationships with school, community, parents and students





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- Long-standing relationships with highest decision makers at schools
- Experienced sales force
- Generates significant free cash flow
- Proven ability to evolve to meet customer demand
- Allows Varsity Spirit and BSN SPORTS to enter new channels



- Best-in-class marketing and media platform
- Completely customized apparel with industry-leading delivery time
- Expertise in event planning and coordinating large competitions
- Unique bond with customers that drives enhanced revenue
- Relationships with spirit leaders

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# **Growth Road Map and Integration Timeline**

### Facilitate Collaboration

- Enhance cooperation between BSN SPORTS, Varsity Spirit and Herff Jones
  - Sales force coordination
  - Cross-selling and new product/ service introduction
  - Best practices
  - Activate Varsity Brands synergy team

Today – Next 24 Months

### Implement Cost Saving

- Pursue cost savings initiatives to increase profitability
  - Rationalize manufacturing footprint
- Align benefits and HR programs
- Leverage economies of scale across vendor base
- Consolidate management

Today - Next 3 Years

### Programme

- Implement multiple growth initiatives
- Facilitate the organic growth of each business
- Continue tack-on strategy
- Evaluate opportunistic transformational acquisitions
- Deliver full potential as a branding partner

Today - Next 5+ Years

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### How Collaboration Translates to Growth

Formation of the Varsity Brands' Synergy Team

- Formed in Summer 2014 to draw upon best-in-class talent across the Varsity Brands platform
  - Diverse business backgrounds with strong analytical skills
  - Experience in strategic business development
- Brings together intra-company sales teams
  - Strategically identify and coordinate existing account growth
  - Aggressively pursue new accounts and promote all divisions
  - Educate sales representatives on platform-wide products and services to facilitate lead generation
  - Drive market share and revenue growth across the platform
- \$9.2 million in current identified leads not included in budget

### Varsity Brands Synergy Team

### John Newby

Varsity Brands Executive Vice President

### Lauryn Turner

Varsity Spirit All Star National Sales Manager

### Bran Frieker

Herif Jones Scholastic Representative

### Grant Thompson

BSN SPORTS Regional Sales Manager

### Lee Tousignant

Herif Jones Yearbook Sales Representative

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Varsity Spirit All Star Pashion Divisional Manager

#### Julie Nortor

Varsity Spirit Fashion Sales Representative

#### Piya Cuff

Varsity Spirit Regional Sales Manager

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Mississippi Case Study video

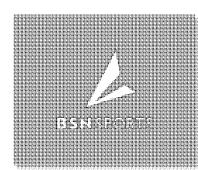


### How Collaboration Translates to Growth

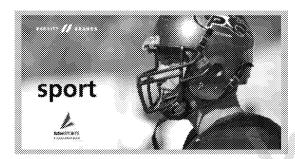
**Introduction of New Products and Services** 

### Competency

### Opportunities



- Equipment
- Apparel
- Supply Chain
- Technology
- ▼ Telesales (72)



- Camps and competitions
- Social media strategy and B2C presence
- Female athletic apparel
- Leverage the platform's long-standing relationships to win all-school deals (principals)
- Enter championship ring market



- Class Rings
- Fine Papers
- Caps & Gowns
- Yearbooks
- Experience
- Relationships



- Leverage the platform to acquire new accounts
- Cross-sell products from across the platform
- Social media strategy
- Telesales



- Apparel
- Camps
- Competitions
- Social Media
- B2C



- Sports equipment (e.g. mats)
- Adjacent apparel SKUs
- Championship and commemorative rings
- "My Team Shop" model



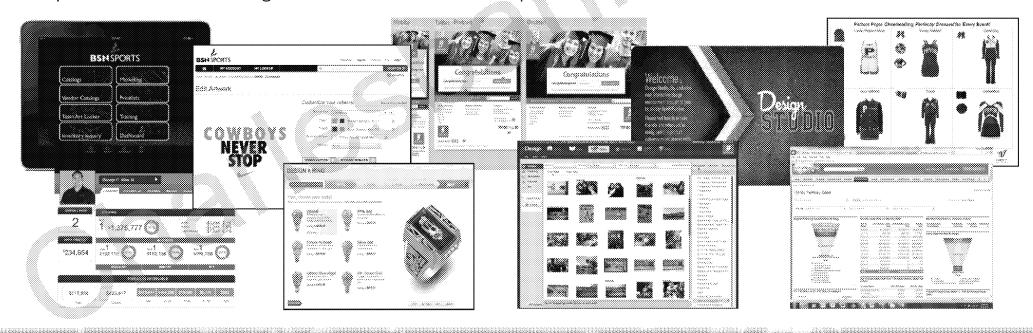






### Implementation of Technology Best Practices to Drive Efficiency

- © Collaborative product design capabilities for personalized products from cheer and athletic apparel to class rings and yearbooks
- Proprietary eCommerce platform enables online shopping to meet demands of coaches and administrators while offering convenience to students, parents and athletes
- World-class customer relationship management and salesforce automation drives organic sales growth via sales team competitions, leaderboards, automated campaigns, lead management and opportunity tracking
- Customized mobile technologies provide high levels of sales force automation and enable increased customer engagement
- Sophisticated business intelligence drives new business development and increase conversion



# **Cost Savings Initiatives**

### Significant Sales and Cost Savings Across the Platform

	Description	Est. Run-Rate Savings	Included in Projections?
5000	Outsource ring manufacturing	\$3.5 million	
	Consolidation of Yearbook manufacturing	8.2 million	
-	Consolidation of Diploma manufacturing	0.9 million	
	Consolidation of Frame manufacturing	1.0 million	✓
	401K Matching	3.0 million	✓
	Total	\$16.6 million	<u> </u>
	Conforming benefits and HR programs among segments	1	×
	Vendor consolidation savings, including paper supply, freight, etc.	•	×
0	Graphic art outsourcing	1	×
	Finance department rationalization	•	×
	Headcount reductions	1	×
	Independent segment IT savings	1	×
	Total	~\$10.0 million	×

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# Multi-Pronged Growth Strategy

Tack-On and Transformational Acquisitions



- 22 acquisitions since June 2009, with three acquisitions executed YTD 2014
- Numerous identified tack-on targets (dealer and product verticals).
- Active backlog with the largest acquisition pipeline in the Company's history



- Historically, the industry consolidator of choice
- Primarily focused on the camp and competition markets
- Identified roll-up opportunities in adjacent and complementary categories



- Long history of successful evolution through acquisitions and divestitures
- Opportunity to supplement organic growth through acquisitions
- Offers flexibility to expand product portfolio, develop new channels and acquire new customers

Potential to Supercharge Growth Through Opportunistic, Transformational Acquisitions

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# School Spirit:

the Connection between

Student Achievement,

Involvement and Confidence



# Spirit and Involvement Drives Academic Success

According to Recent Research, Students with Higher Levels of School Spirit Perform Better Academically, Are More Civically Engaged and Are Happier in General than Their Less-Spirited Peers



92% of principals surveyed agree that high school spirit is tied to high student achievement



91% of principals surveyed said students with school spirit are more confident



90% of principals surveyed said students with school spirit are more likely to be leaders



88% of principals surveyed said students with school spirit are happier



87% of principals surveyed said students with school spirit are more active in their communities



Students with higher school spirit have higher GPAs than low school spirit peers (3.5 vs. 3.2)



High-spirited students have greater expectation that they will receive at least a 4-year degree (84% vs. 51%)





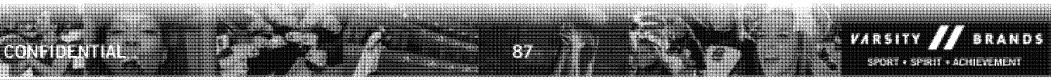
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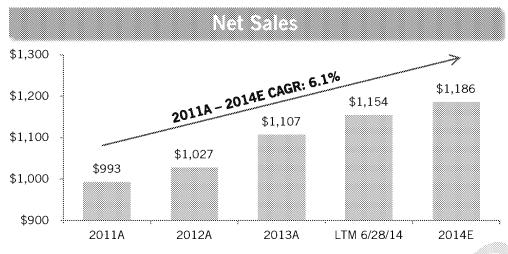
### **Basis of Presentation**

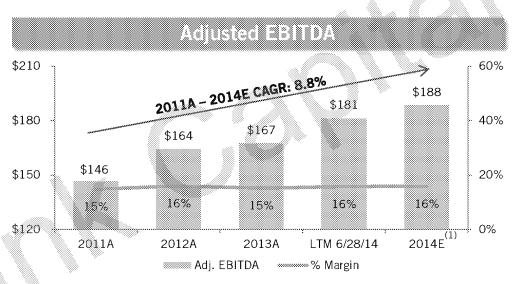
- The financial information presented herein have been prepared by Herff Jones, Inc. for the limited purpose of assisting prospective buyers in their analysis of the operating performance of the Company
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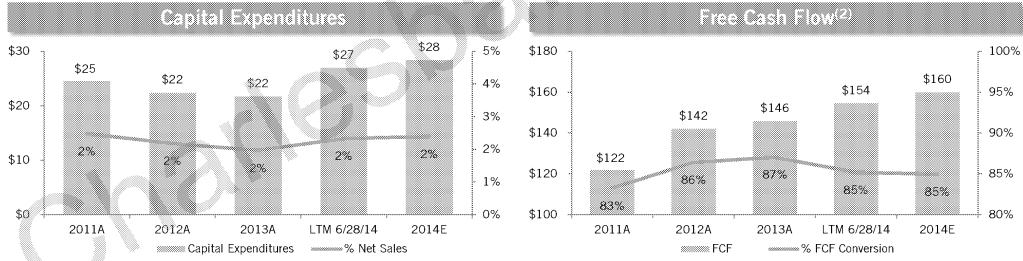


# **Historical Consolidated Financial Summary**

(\$Millions)







Note: Financial data pro forma for divestiture of Herff's photography business, acquisition of Varsity Brands in 2011 and BSN Sports in 2013. Historical financials based on FYE 12/31.

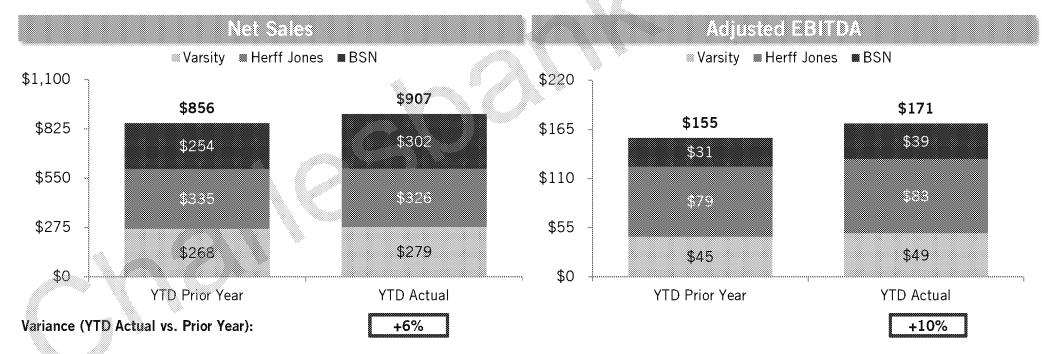
(1) Includes \$3.0 million related to manufacturing cost savings in the Herff Jones division.

(2) Free cash flow equals adjusted EBITDA less Capital Expenditures.

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#### (\$Millions)

- Strong YTD performance driven by growth in BSN (+19%), Varsity (+4%) and select sub segments of Herff Jones
  - BSN growth driven by increased sales pro performance and recent acquisitions
  - Varsity growth driven by strong performance in Camps & Events
  - Herff Jones performance mixed, with an increase in Cap & Gown and flat performance in Jewelry offset by declines in Fine Paper and Yearbook



Note: YTD Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA figures are as of August 23, 2014 and August 24, 2013 respectively. Pro forma for the sale of the Education division.



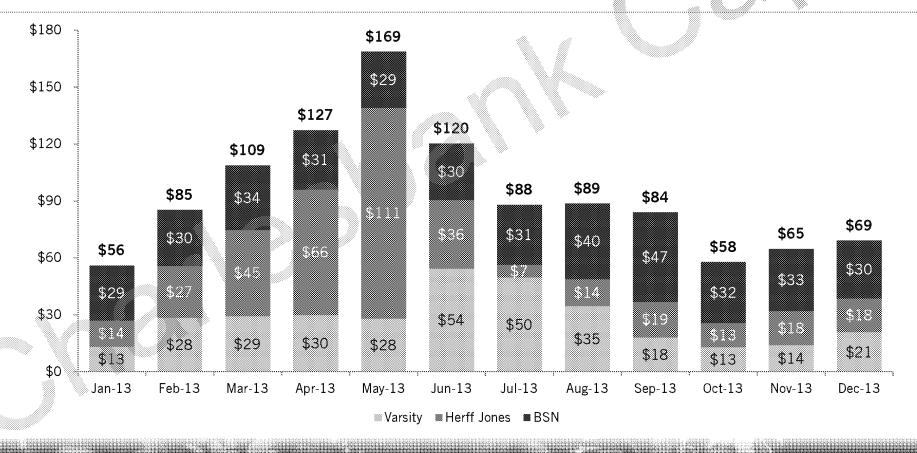
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# **Historical Segment Net Sales Seasonality**

(\$Millions)

All three segments are subject to seasonality revolving around key school year dates

- BSN experiences slight seasonality towards the beginning of the school year coinciding with the kick-off of the school sports season
- Herff Jones' revenue is skewed towards the end of the school year given its key products in the Yearbook and Achievement segments
- Varsity Spirit's revenue is skewed towards the 2nd and 3rd quarters due in part to the scheduling of the Camps



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# **Historical BSN Segment Income Statement**

(\$Millions)

	2011A		20194	2012	
Net Sales	\$314.4	\$338.5	\$396.1	\$457.0	13.3%
% Growth	9.4%	7.7%	17.0%	15.4%	
Cost of Sales	\$207.1	\$219.8	\$250.3	\$290.1	
Gross Profit	\$107.3	\$118.7	\$145.9	\$166.8	15.9%
% Margin	34.1%	35.1%	36.8%	36.5%	
Operating Expenses	\$81.5	\$87.8	\$106.6	\$112.3	
Other (Income) / Expense	0.0	(0.3)	(0.0)	(0.0)	
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Note: Excludes depreciation and amortization.



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# Historical Herff Jones Segment Income Statement

(\$Millions)

	2011A	FVE 12753 2017/A	20134	0.3	S SE
Net Sales	\$403.6	\$395.7	\$388.2	\$381.8	(1.8%)
% Growth	(2.2%)	(2.0%)	(1.9%)	(1.6%)	
Cost of Sales	\$171.1	\$166.2	\$164.2	\$158.0	
Cost Savings from Herff Jones	_	-	_	(1.1)	
Gross Profit	\$232.6	\$229.5	\$224.1	\$224.8	(1.1%)
% Margin	57.6%	58.0%	57.7%	58.9%	
Operating Expenses	\$153.5	\$145.2	\$166.0	\$164.9	
Cost Savings from Herff Jones	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.0)	
Other (Income) / Expense		-	_	_	
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Adjusted EBITDA	\$25.1	\$22.6			
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Note: Excludes depreciation and amortization.

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# **Historical Varsity Segment Income Statement**

(\$Millions)

	2011A	FYE 1278 2012A		203245	18 A - 18 A D
Net Sales	\$274.6	\$293.0	\$322.3	\$346.8	8.1%
% Growth	4.5%	6.7%	10.0%	7.6%	
Cost of Sales	\$160.8	\$169.3	\$183.3	\$197.2	
Gross Profit	\$113.8	\$123.7	\$139.0	\$149.6	9.5%
% Margin	41.4%	42.2%	43.1%	43.1%	
Operating Expenses	\$85.9	\$88.4	\$94.9	\$99.1	
Other (Income) / Expense	(0.9)		_	_	
G2119A	52203	335.3	\$44.1		20.6%
Total Adjustments					
Adjusted SBITDA					17.5%
A Margin	11.47				

Note: Excludes depreciation and amortization.

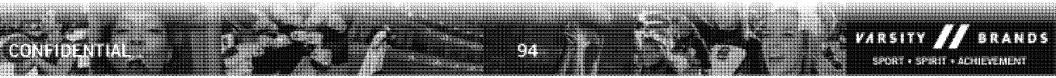


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# **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**

(\$Millions)

	20114	EVE 12 2012A		
EBITDA	\$133.7	\$150.8	\$141.5	\$166.9
Adjustments				8
Executive Compensation Plans	1.1	5.3	8.5	20.4
Herff Jones Restructuring	4.5	2.1	3.1	_
SAP Conversion Expenses	1.6	2.7	_	_
Transaction Related Expenses	2.7	1.2	12.6	0.5
Proforma Acquisition EBITDA	0.1	1.0	0.6	0.6
Miscellaneous Expenses	2.4	1.2	1.1	(0.1)
Equity Earnings	0.3	_	_	_
Total Adjustments	\$12.7	\$13.5	\$25.9	\$21.4
Adjusted BBINDA	\$1,45.4		\$157.4	
% Margin		10 C		
ESOP Compensation	\$17.6	\$22.0	\$22.6	\$28.1



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# Financial Projection Overview

### Included in Projection Wodel

#### **Organic Growth**

- New account acquisition
- Increase penetration of existing accounts
- New product and program development
- Social media expansion

#### Herff Jones Manufacturing Rationalization

- Outsource ring manufacturing
- Consolidation of Yearbook manufacturing
- Consolidation of Diploma manufacturing
- Consolidation of Frame manufacturing
- Herff Jones Cost Savings in 401K Plan

### Incremental to Projection Code

#### **Segment Integration & Net Sales Enhancement**

- Bring it On! account coordination initiative
- Cross-selling initiatives and sharing of best practices

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- HR, IT, Finance and benefits
- Headcount reductions, freight savings, IT savings and salesforce coordination among others
- Acquisitions (Bolt-on and Transformational)
  - Salesforce acquisitions
  - New product categories
  - Channel acquisitions
  - Complementary businesses

Steady Long Term Growth Rate

Substantial Free Cash Flow

Accelerated Net Sales and EBITDA Growth

Significant Equity Value Creation

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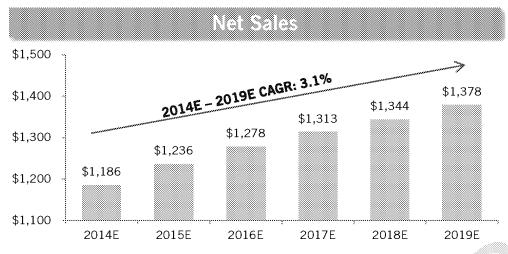
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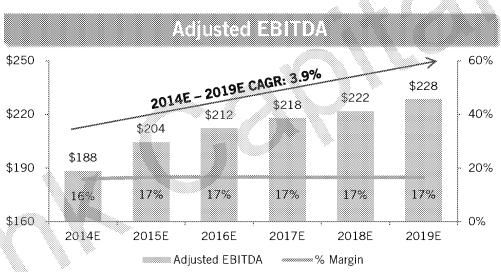
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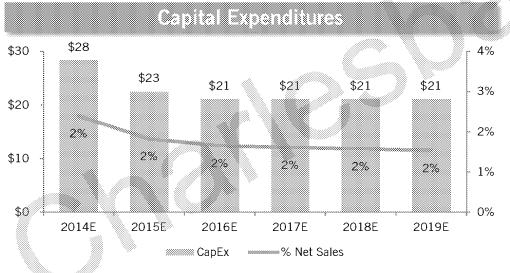
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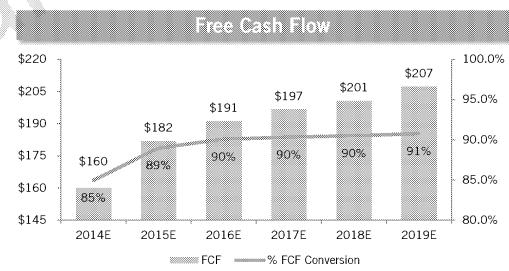
## **Projected Consolidated Financial Summary**

(\$Millions)









Note: Financial data pro forma for divestiture of Herff's photography business, acquisition of Varsity Brands in 2011 and BSN Sports in 2013. Financials based on FYE 12/31.

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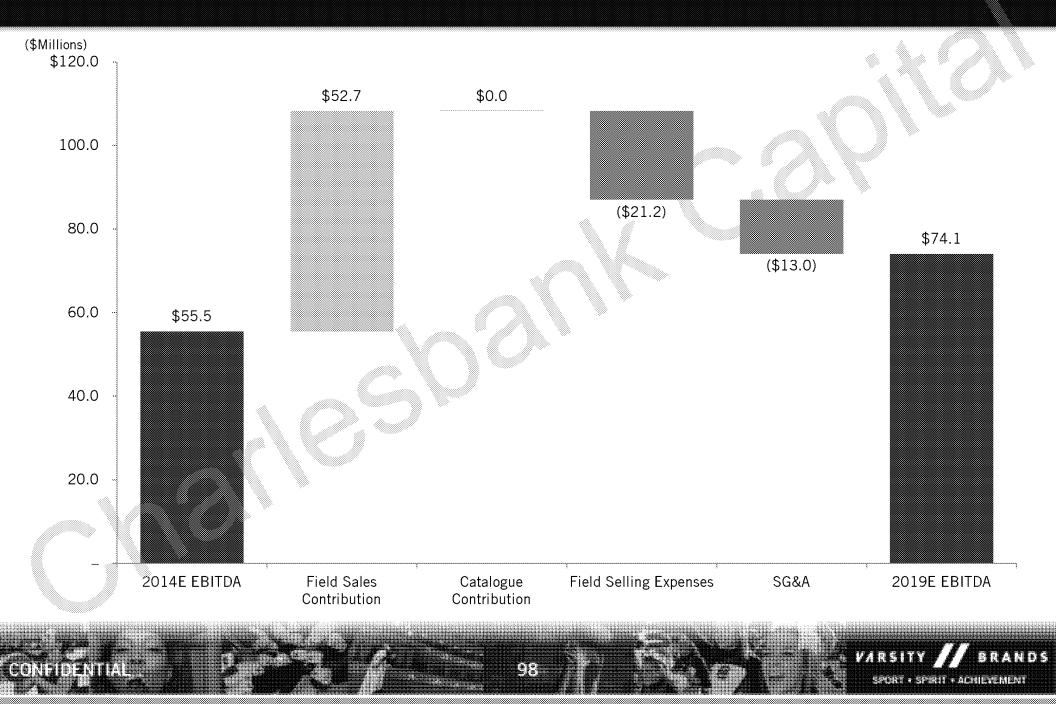
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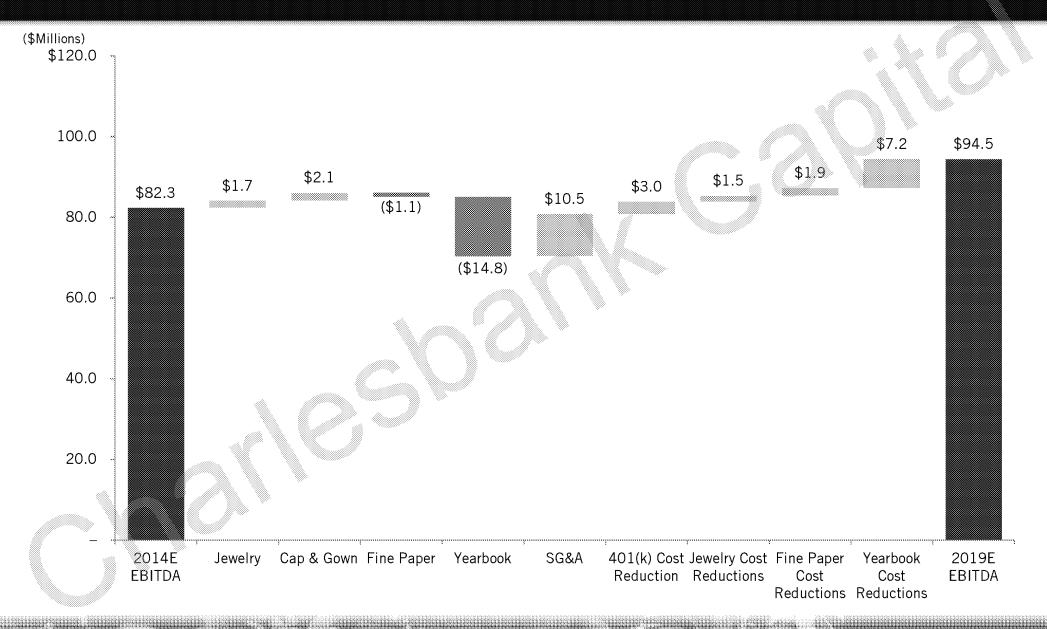
# Projected Adj. EBITDA Bridge: Consolidated FY14E - FY15E



# Projected Adj. EBITDA Bridge: BSN FY14E - FY19E



# Projected Adj. EBITDA Bridge: Herff Jones FY14E – FY19E





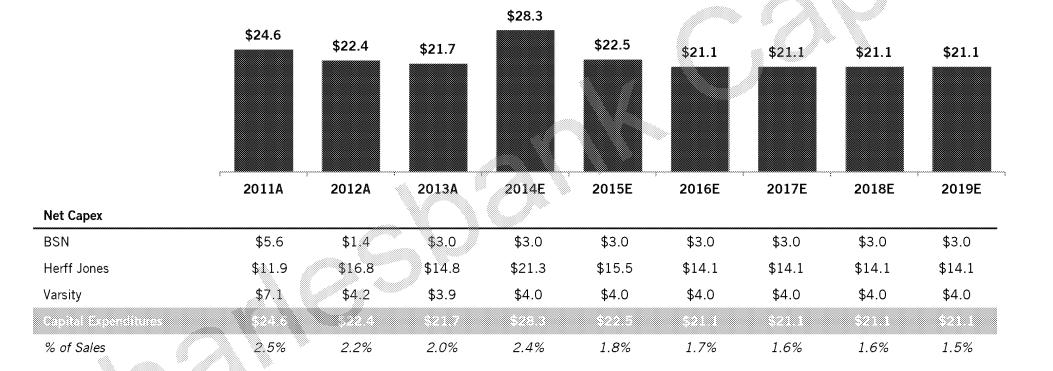


# Projected Adj. EBITDA Bridge: Varsity FY14E - FY19E



# **Capital Expenditures**

(\$Millions)









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# **Additional EBITDA Adjustments**

(\$Millions)

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Duplicate Compensation	\$0.7	\$0.9	\$1.5
One-Time Project Related Expenses	0.5	0.7	1.2
Logo Art Income	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Other Non-Recurring Expenses	0.6	0.5	1.1
ESOP and Board Fees	0.5	0.6	1.1
Total Additional Adjustments	520	32.7	3416

